(iv) Public-private partnership for project development/implementation of IWT projects; and

(v) increasing the number of vessels through vessel leasing and vessel building subsidy scheme.

CRF Allocated to States

1241. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central Road Funds allocated to States and utilised by them since 2000-01;

(b) the reasons for under utilisation of this fund;

(c) the length of National Highways and rural roads repaired and constructed by each State during the above period; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The amount of Central Road Funds (CRF) allotted to States for development of State/ rural roads and the amount utilized by them since 2000-01 up to 2005-06 (30-6-2005) is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Roads	Allocation (1-4-2000 - 31-3-2006)	Utilization (1-4-2000 - 30-6-2005)
State Roads	6241.15	3246.13
Rural Roads (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana)	12240.88	10333.56

(b) The release of funds from CRF for State roads depends on the utilization of the released amount and the progress of works approved on the basis of the proposals submitted by the respective State Governments and implemented by them. The main reasons for less utilization of fund under PMGSY are attributable to inadequate managerial, technical and contractor capacity in the States.

(c) This funds from CRF earmarked for development of National Highways is allocated to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

for raising additional resources for National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-I and Phase-II, which comprises 4/6 laning 14, 279 km. of National Highways. No specific project-wise allocation from the CRF is earmarked. 74339.45 km. length of rural roads works has been completed upto 30-06-2005.

(d) Presumably, Hon'ble Member of Parliament desires to know the steps being taken for increasing the utilization of funds allocated to the States for construction/improvement of State/rural roads. State Governments are regularly requested to increase the pace of the progress of the CRF works and the progress of utilization of funds from CRF is monitored regularly. As regards rural roads, Government has advised the 10 Core States, 2 Hill States and 7 North Eastern States that they can engage consultants for preparation of project proposals, supervision, monitoring, training etc. for expeditious completion of works.

Losses to New Mangalore Port

1242. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the New Mangalore Port would incur huge loss of revenue once th Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited stops mining operations as per Supreme Court decision;

(b) if so, the estimated loss of revenue to New Mangalore port; and

(c) the steps taken if any to make up the loss?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated revenue loss on account of Cargo Related Charges from Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited KIOCL) to the Port will be around Rs. 15 crore per annum and on account of Vessel Related Charges will be around Rs. 7 crore per annum.

(c) M/s Kudremukh iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) is planning to bring iron ore concentrates from other sources. In addition, KIOCL is also planning to bring iron ore for their plant from Bellary Hospet area.

Utilisation of CRF

1243. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: